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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 22 have been amended, and new claims 27-28 have been added.

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE), and a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b). In brief, the subject application was allowed to become abandoned through oversight on the part of the assignee, and the entire period of delay from the due date of the required reply until the date of filing of this submission was completely unintentional. Accordingly, this application should be in condition for examination.

Both of the independent claims 1 and 22 have been amended to include the language indicated by both the Examiner and the Board to be required in order to patentably distinguish the claims from the prior art (see the last paragraph on page 7 of the Decision on Appeal, for example). More particularly, the claims each recite a conformal system wherein both the artificially generated and real images may be viewed together by the operator through the visor, with the artificially generated image being displayed in conformity with the real image, so that the effect is seamless to the operator. The Examiner previously indicated that this language was important, as well, in the Examiner's Answer on page 8, under the "Response to Argument". Accordingly, the claims, as amended, should be in condition for allowance.

The language in both claims 1 and 22 related to fixedly mounted, immovable sensors has been deleted to somewhat broaden the claims, since both the Examiner and Board have indicated that this language does not patentably distinguish the claims over the prior art. Thus, there is no reason to unnecessarily narrow the claims.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees necessary in connection with this submittal to Deposit Account No. 13-5135.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of same is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below, should any further

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questions or issues need to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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